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MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF THE LARGEST SOLAR FARM IN THE STATE

Governor O'Malley joins Constellation Energy and Mount St. Mary's University in dedicating the 17.7 MW utility-scale solar farm that will produce enough energy to power over 1,700 homes

Emmitsburg, Maryland (August 29, 2012) — Today, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley joined representatives from Constellation Energy and Mount St. Mary's University at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Mount St. Mary's University solar farm in Emmitsburg in Frederick County. The solar panel installation, which is the largest in the state, will convert solar energy into over 22 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year and will be used to power the University System of Maryland and other state facilities operated by the Department of General Services.

"To create jobs, a modern economy requires modern investments. In Maryland, we've made solar energy a priority and today we have 530 times more solar on the state's grid as well as 2,000 more solar installation jobs than in 2007," said Governor O'Malley. "We've set some of the most aggressive goals in the country for reducing our energy consumption, and increasing our use of renewable energy. Solar energy will diversify our energy portfolio and make us a leader in sustainable energy development."

The Constellation Energy owned and operated solar farm is part of MEA's Generating Clean Horizons program in which the State and University System of Maryland committed to purchase 78 megawatts of energy produced from two wind farms and one solar installation over 20 years. The program established new renewable sources and the energy from these sources powers 16% of the State's own load. Generating Clean Horizons leveraged \$320 million in private investment without any State funds and was recognized by Harvard University as one of the top 25 innovations in American government. Together, the three Clean Horizon projects are competitive with market rates over the life of the contracts, and also generate renewable energy credits, which will save the State millions in future years. The \$60 million Mount St. Mary's Solar Farm, which involved 150 local construction jobs, consists of 211,392 advanced thin film photovoltaic panels covering over 100 acres and creates enough electricity to power over 1700 homes.

"Constellation is proud to bring one of the state's largest solar installations online and support Maryland's leadership in renewable energy," said Kenneth Cornew, president and CEO of Constellation. "Projects like this are part of our commitment to provide customers clean, affordable energy choices."

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The mission of the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is to promote affordable, reliable, clean energy. MEA's programs and policies help lower energy bills, fuel the creation of green collar jobs, address environmental and climate impacts, and promote energy independence.